

# A Life of Faith - Every Day

Ephesians 4:17-32

## The New Life

*"to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."*

Ephesians 4:22-24

Very important that your m\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_ perk up whenever you read or hear the words, n\_\_\_\_\_ or t\_\_\_\_\_, as it is a cue that something really important was just covered and the following is directly attached to the previous topic.

**Main Point:** The Christian life is a process of c\_\_\_\_\_ and g\_\_\_\_\_ toward maturity!

God does n\_\_\_\_\_ make us perfect the moment we accept Christ as Savior.

"We know our old self was c\_\_\_\_\_ with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin." ~Romans 6:6

"Put to d\_\_\_\_\_ therefore what is earthly in you, ... put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator." ~ Colossians 3:5,10

We need to put to death what is earthly in us:

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| ❖ sexual immorality | ❖ grieving the Holy Spirit |
| ❖ impurity          | ❖ bitterness               |
| ❖ passion           | ❖ wrath                    |
| ❖ evil desire       | ❖ anger                    |
| ❖ covetousness      | ❖ clamor                   |
| ❖ idolatry          | ❖ slander                  |
| ❖ corrupting talk   | ❖ malice                   |

We inherited many of these old sin natures from our ancestors and some deep issues resound in hereditary sins that are not easily broken. (Exodus 20:5; 34:7; Numbers 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9)

The Bible doesn't say, "Never get a\_\_\_\_\_." It does say, however, "Be a\_\_\_\_\_, and do not s\_\_\_\_\_."

"... for out of the abundance of the h\_\_\_\_\_ the mouth speaks." (Luke 6:45)

**You will act on the nature you f\_\_\_\_\_ the most!**

We need to put on the new self:

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| † compassion    | † patience            |
| † righteousness | † forgiveness         |
| † holiness      | † love                |
| † kindness      | † peace               |
| † humility      | † thankfulness        |
| † meekness      | † spirit filled minds |

**Application:** (in - to - me - see) Intimacy

- **Structured daily Bible readings & prayer time**
  - **Special "drop in" moments of God**
  - **More Jesus; less me (John 3:30)**
  - **Continuous communication (1 Thessalonians 5:17)**
- "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" ~Matthew 6:21